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This publication, together with another of the ſame kind from the New Teſtament, *contains the general outline of* SCRIPTURE HISTORY.

INTRODUCTION.

THE world, or earth, is a very large globe, made at firſt out of nothing by the Almighty power of GOD, and preſerved ever ſince by his Providence. It conſiſts of land and water, and is divided into many different parts, called countries: theſe countries are inhabited by different nations; that is to ſay, each country has a particular ſet of people, who claim a certain portion of the world as their own; for inſtance, Eng-

land belongs to the Engliſh nation, France to the French nation, and ſo forth.

The ocean, or largeſt body of water in the world, from whence different ſeas flow, and into which all rivers run, is the common property of mankind in general, and ſerves to make different nations acquainted with, and uſeful to each other, by mean of ſhips which ſail on it to diſtant countries. But many ſeas branching from the ocean, have been ſo far claimed by particular nations, that they would not allow ſhips belonging to other countries to ſail on

them, ſo as to annoy their coaſts, or injure their trade and commerce: by trade is meant ſelling things, by commerce exchanging what one country produces for what grows or is manufactured in another.

In different ages of the world there have been a great many different nations in the ſeveral parts of it; for thoſe people who at one time poſſeſſed a country, have been driven from it by nations more powerful than themſelves, as it has pleaſed GOD, the *Supreme Governor* of all things, that one ſhould riſe and another fall.

Hiſtory is an account of things that have happened in the world, written to preſerve the remembrance of them; and alſo to ſerve as examples and warnings to the various inhabitants of the earth, who ſhould come in after ages. Univerſal hiſtory includes that of all the nations which have at any time been known to live in the world. Antient hiſtory relates to ages long paſt. Modern hiſtory is that of the kingdoms and ſtates at preſent exiſting. Hiſtory is alſo divided into Sacred and Prophane. Sacred hiſtory is that which is to be found in the Scrip-

tures; it was written by men taught by GOD to inform the world, that He governs all things, and that, He deals out happineſs and proſperity to nations who fear and ſerve him, and brings judgments and deſtructions on thoſe who are wicked. Prophane hiſtory is that which was compoſed by men who wrote accounts of what they had themſelves either ſeen, heard, or read, concerning the riſe and fall of nations, and the acts of particular perſons.

The prints we are going to deſcribe relate to Sacred Hiſtory, and are called

Scripture Prints; becauſe the ſubjects of them are taken from the Bible.

The word BIBLE, ſignifies THE BOOK; it is called ſo, becauſe it is to be preferred to all other books, on account of its having been written by the direction of GOD himſelf, in order to make known things, which men could not find out themſelves, but which it was very neceſſary they ſhould know, in order to learn the will of GOD, and how to become happy for ever in heaven

The BIBLE contains the OLD TESTAMENT and the NEW TESTAMENT.

The Old Teſtameut begins with giving an account of the creation of the world, and all things in it, which you ſhall read in the BIBLE itſelf, as none but a writer taught of GOD, as Moſes was, can do juſtice to ſo ſublime a ſubject; but you muſt be contented to ſtay ſome years longer before you read the whole of the Bible, becauſe there are many things in it which you will not be able to comprehend till your underſtanding is enlarged.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FROM THE

OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON I.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

* Let the child read in the Bible the whole of the firſt chapter of Geneſis, and the three firſt verſes of the ſecond chapter.

LESSON II.

Number I.

A View of Paradise.

AND the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden,

and the TREE of KNOWLEDGE of GOOD and EVIL.

And the LORD GOD took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dreſs it and to keep it. And the LORD GOD commanded the man, ſaying, Of every Tree in the garden thou mayeſt freely eat; but of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil, thou ſhalt not eat of it, for in the day thou eateſt thereof thou ſhalt ſurely die.

And the LORD GOD ſaid: It is not good that man ſhould be alone, I will make him an help meet for him. And

the LORD GOD brought unto Adam every beaſt of the field, and every fowl of the air to ſee what he would call them; and whatſoever Adam called every living thing, that was the name of it. Thus Adam gave names unto all cattle, and to the fowls of the air, and to every beaſt of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him, or a proper companion.

Then the LORD GOD cauſed a deep ſleep to fall upon Adam; and he ſlept, and the LORD took one of his ribs, and cloſed up the fleſh inſtead thereof: and the rib which the LORD GOD had taken,

made he a woman, and brought her unto the man, and ſhe became his wife, and he called her name Eve.

LESSON II.

Number II.

The SERPENT tempting EVE.*

THEN the Devil entered into the Serpent, and he ſaid unto the woman,

* Number I. of a ſet of prints of Scripture Hiſtory, formerly publiſhed will ſuit this Leſſon.

Yea, hath GOD ſaid ye ſhall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman ſaid unto the ſerpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midſt of the garden, GOD hath ſaid, Ye ſhall not eat of it, neither ſhall ye touch it, leſt ye die. And the ſerpent ſaid unto the woman, Ye ſhall not ſurely die, for GOD doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof then your eyes ſhall be opened, and ye ſhall be as gods, knowing good and evil. So the woman, believing the ſerpent, inſtead of depending upon the word of GOD, took of the

fruit and did eat, and gave alſo to her huſband and he did eat. Thus mankind broke the command of GOD and committed ſin.

Before they committed ſin, Adam and Eve were good, and knew nothing but good; but when they had committed ſin they knew evil alſo, and inſtead of becoming like gods, they became wretched ſinners, full of ſorrow, fear, and ſhame; and when they heard the voice of the LORD GOD in the garden, they tried to hide themſelves among the trees; but the LORD GOD called unto

Adam and ſaid, Where art thou? And he ſaid, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, and hid myſelf. And the LORD GOD ſaid, Haſt thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou ſhouldeſt not eat? And the man ſaid, The woman that thou gaveſt to be with me, ſhe gave me of the tree and I did eat. And the LORD GOD ſaid unto the woman, What is this that thou haſt done? And the woman ſaid, The ſerpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God curſed the ſerpent, and ſaid, that he would ſend the ſeed of the woman (meaning a Saviour) to

bruiſe his head, or overcome the Devil. And the LORD GOD condemned the woman to have great ſorrow and pain, and to be in ſubjection to her huſband, that he might rule over her. And unto Adam the LORD GOD ſaid, Curſed is the ground for thy ſake, thorns alſo, and thiſtles ſhall it bring forth to thee, till thou return unto the duſt, for out of it waſt thou taken: for duſt thou art, and unto duſt ſhalt thou return. Thus mankind died, or became ſubject to death, on the day they broke the command of the LORD GOD.

And unto Adam and to his wife did the LORD GOD give coats of ſkins and clothed them; but leſt they ſhould go on eating of the tree of life, and live for ever, the LORD GOD ſent them forth from the garden of Eden, and placed at the eaſt of the garden Cherubims or Angels, with a flaming ſword, which turned every way to keep them from getting at the tree of life.

LESSON IV.

Number III.

The SACRIFICES of CAIN and ABEL.

ADAM and his wife, after they were turned out of Paradiſe, had a ſon, named Cain, and ſoon after another ſon named Abel. Abel, when he grew up was a keeper of ſheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground, (that is, a huſbandman.) After Adam and Eve had ſinned, the LORD

required mankind to ſacrifice, or to kill animals, and offer them up to him, and he pardoned the ſins of thoſe who did ſo. And in proceſs of time it came to paſs, that Cain brought an offering of the fruits of the ground, but no animal for a ſacrifice; but Abel brought a ſacrifice of the beſt of his flock. And the LORD had reſpect unto his offering, becauſe it was a proper one; but unto Cain's he had not reſpect, becauſe it was an offering of his own chuſing, not ſuch as the LORD GOD had ordained; ſo his ſins were not pardoned. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

And the LORD ſaid unto Cain, Why art thou wroth, and why is thy countenance fallen, if thou doeſt well ſhalt thou not be accepted, and if thou doeſt not well, ſin lieth at thy door, or thou art ſtill a ſinner.

LESSON V.

The DEATH of ABEL.*

AND Cain talked with Abel his brother, and it came to paſs as they were

* Number II. in the former Set ſuits this Leſſon.

in the field, that Cain roſe up againſt Abel his brother and ſlew him.

And the LORD ſaid unto Cain, Now thou art curſed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand: when thou tilleſt the ground it ſhall not henceforth yield unto thee her ſtrength, a fugitive and a vagabond ſhalt thou be in the earth. So Cain was ſent away from the preſence of the LORD, or the place where the LORD appeared to men, and they offered their ſacrifices; and he dwelt in the land of Nod, and a numerous race deſcended from him.

And after the death of Abel, Adam and Eve had another ſon named Seth, and ſons and daughters beſides; each of theſe had children and grandchildren, and Adam lived eight hundred and thirty years, and at his death left a great many men, women, and children upon earth.

That part of mankind who came from Seth, and the other good children of Adam and Eve, lived in the preſence of the LORD, and called themſelves by the name of the LORD, or the people of the LORD, and are ſtiled in the Bible the Sons of GOD; but thoſe which came from Cain forgot the LORD,

and are called in the Bible, the Sons of men.

LESSON VI.

Number IV.

NOAH and his FAMILY, with the various Kinds of ANIMALS going into the ARK.

AND it came to paſs that the Sons of GOD mixed among the ſons of men, and learned wickedneſs of them, and by degrees grew as bad as they, till the

whole earth was filled with violence and all things diſpleaſing to GOD, and men thought only of evil continually. And the LORD ſaid I will deſtroy man, whom I have created, from off the face of the earth.

But Noah, who was a good man, found grace, or favour, in the ſight of GOD; and Noah had three ſons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

And GOD ſaid unto Noah, The end of all fleſh is come before me, for the whole earth is filled with violence, and behold I will deſtroy men with the earth. Make thee an Ark of Gopher-

wood, rooms ſhalt thou make in the Ark, and ſhall pitch it within and without with pitch, with lower, ſecond, and third ſtories ſhalt thou make it. And I, behold, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to deſtroy all fleſh wherein is the breath of life from under Heaven, and every thing that is in the earth ſhall die; but thou ſhalt come into the Ark, and thy ſons, and thy wife, and thy ſons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all fleſh, two of every ſort ſhalt thou bring into the Ark, and of every clean beaſt ſeven pair, and of fowls of the air alſo by

ſevens, to keep them alive, and take unto thee of all food which is eaten, for thee and for them.

And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him, and he with his family and the living creatures entered into the Ark, and the LORD ſhut them in.

LESSON VII.

The FLOOD.*

AND it came to paſs in the ſix hundreth year of Noah's life, in the ſecond month, the ſeventeenth day of the month, the flood came upon the earth, and the rain was upon the earth forty nights and forty days, and the waters increaſed, and all the high hills under

* Number III. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory ſuits this Leſſon.

the heavens were covered, and the Ark was lifted up above the earth, and went upon the face of the waters. And all fleſh died that moved upon the earth, and every man, and Noah only remained alive, and thoſe that were with him in the ark, and the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

And GOD remembered Noah and all that were with him in the Ark, and GOD made a wind to paſs over the earth and the waters were aſſuaged, and the rain was reſtrained, and after the end of an hundred and fifty days, the Ark reſted on the mountains of Ararat. And

it came to paſs in the ſix hundreth and firſt year of Noah's life, in the firſt month, on the tenth day of the month, Noah removed the covering of the Ark, and behold the face of the earth was dry.

LESSON VIII.

NOAH coming out of the ARK.*

AND in the ſecond month, on the ſeventeenth day, GOD ſpake unto Noah,

* Number IV. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory ſuits this Leſſon.

ſaying, Go forth of the Ark, thou and thy wife, and thy ſons, and thy ſons' wives with thee, and bring forth every living thing that is with thee. And Noah and all that were with him went forth of the Ark, and Noah builded an Altar, and offered ſacrifices unto the LORD, and the LORD was pleaſed with them; and GOD bleſſed Noah and his ſons, and ſaid unto them, Behold, I eſtabliſh my covenant (or make this promiſe) with you and every living creature that is with you, and that ſhall be after you, that there ſhall not any more be a flood to deſtroy the earth: and this is the

token of my covenant; It ſhall come to paſs when I bring a cloud upon the earth, that my bow (the rain-bow) ſhall be ſeen in the cloud, and I will look upon it, and remember the everlaſting covenant which I have eſtabliſhed between me and all fleſh.

And Noah lived after the flood nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

LESSON IX.

The CONFUSION of TONGUES.*

THE three ſons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, had many children, and grandchildren, and there was again a great number of people in the earth, and they all ſpake one language; and they journeyed from the place where

* Number V. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory ſuits this Leſſon.

the Ark reſted, and dwelt in the plain of Shinar.

And they ſaid among themſelves, Let us build a city and a tower, whoſe top may reach unto Heaven, and let us make us a name (or eſtabliſh ourſelves as one great nation) leſt we be ſcattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD ſaw the pride of their hearts, and he confounded their language, ſo that they could not any longer underſtand one another's ſpeech, and the LORD ſcattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth, and they became many different nations, ſpeaking

different languages, and by them in proceſs of time was the whole earth overſpread.

LESSON X.

Number V.

ABRAM having pitched his TENTS, offers SACRIFICES to the LORD.

A GREAT many years after the flood, there was a man named Terah, and he had three ſons, Abram, Nahor,

and Haran. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah. Haran died before his father in Ur of the Chaldees, the land of his nativity, and he left a ſon named Lot. And Terah with his two ſons, and their wives, and Lot, went forth from Ur to go into the land of Canaan, and they came unto Haran, in Meſopotamia, and dwelt there. And in thoſe days all nations worſhipped idols, or falſe gods, and the LORD had ſaid unto Abram, Get thee from thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's houſe, unto a land which

I will ſhew thee, and I will make of thee a great nation; and in thee ſhall all the families of the earth be bleſſed. So Abram departed as the LORD had ſpoken, and he took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's ſon, and all their ſervants and ſubſtance, and went forth to go into the land of Canaan, and into the land of Canaan they came.

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in ſilver and in gold, and had men ſervants and maid ſervants; and he went on his journey from place to place, and wherever he pitched his tents he built

an altar to ſacrifice unto the LORD, and he called on the name of the LORD, confeſſing him to be the only true GOD. And Lot, Abram's nephew, had flocks and herds, and tents, and the herdſmen of Abram and Lot diſagreed, ſo that they could not conveniently dwell together. And Abram ſaid, Let there be no ſtrife between us I pray thee, for we be brethren; let us ſeparate the one from the other, but chuſe which way thou wilt go, and I will depart the other way; then Lot choſe the plain of Jordan: ſo Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot pitched his tents to-

ward Sodom; but the people of Sodom were wicked and ſinners before the LORD exceedingly.

And the LORD ſaid unto Abram, after that Lot was ſeparated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward, and ſouthward, and eaſtward, and weſtward, for all the land which thou ſeeſt to thee will I give it, and to thy ſeed (or poſterity) after thee. And I will make them like the duſt of the earth for number, and like the ſtars of Heaven. Then Abram removed his tent,

and came and dwelt in the plains of Mamre, in Hebron, and built an altar unto the LORD.

LESSON XI.

ABRAM reſcues LOT.*

AND while Abram dwelt in Mamre, there was war between the kings of the nations near him, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah were ſlain; and

* Number XII. of Ancient Hiſtory, Part II. agrees with this Leſſon.

thoſe who gained the battle took all the goods of the people of thoſe cities, and all their victuals and many captives, among whom were Lot and all his family, and when Abram heard that Lot was taken, he took his trained ſervants, three hundred and eighteen, and purſued after the enemy, and ſmote them, and brought bakc his nephew Lot, and the reſt of the people, and all their goods. Now Sarai, Abram's wife had no child, ſo ſhe gave Hagar, her maid, to Abram to be his wife, and Hagar had a ſon, and Abram called his name Iſhmael.

Abram was fourſcore years old when Iſhmael was born; and when Abram was ninety and nine years old, the LORD appeared unto him and ſaid, thy name ſhall no more be called ABRAM, but ABRAHAM ſhall be thy name, for a father of many nations will I make thee; and as for SARAI thy wife, ſhe ſhall be called SARAH, and I will bleſs her and give her a ſon, and ſhe ſhall be a mother of many nations, kings of people ſhall be of her.

And the LORD ſaid, ſhall I hide from Abraham the thing which I do, ſeeing that Abraham ſhall become a great na-

tion; for I know him, that he will command his children and his houſehold after him, and they ſhall keep the way of the LORD, to do juſtice and judgment, that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he has ſpoken of him.

Then the LORD revealed unto Abraham, that he would deſtroy Sodom and Gomorrah, becauſe the ſin of thoſe cities was very grievous; and Abraham ſaid unto the LORD, Wilt thou deſtroy the righteous with the wicked, that be far from thee; and he pleaded earneſtly

for Sodom and Gomorrah, till the Lord ſaid, if I find in Sodom ten righteous, I will not deſtroy it for their ſakes.

LESSON XII.

The Deſtruction of SODOM and GOMORRAH *

AND there came two Angels to Lot at even, as he ſat in the gate of Sodom, and he (not knowing they were angels) beſought them that they would tarry in

* Number VI. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory ſuits this Leſſon.

his houſe all night, and they went in.

And early in the morning, the Angels ſaid unto Lot, Whatſoever thou haſt in the city, bring them out of this place, for the LORD will deſtroy it. And Lot went and ſpake unto his ſon-in-law, that married his daughters, ſaying, Up, get ye out of this place, for the LORD will deſtroy it; but they heeded him not. And when the morning aroſe, the Angels haſtened Lot, ſaying, Ariſe, take thy wife and thy two daughters, which are here, leſt they be conſumed in the iniquity of the city; and while he lingered, the Angels laid hold upon

the hands of his wife and of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful unto them, and brought them without the city. And they ſaid eſcape for thy life, look not behind thee, neither ſtay thou in all the plain, eſcape to the mountain, leſt thou be conſumed. And Lot ſaid, O my LORD, not to the mountain, leſt ſome evil take me and I die. Behold, there is a city near, O let me eſcape thither, is it not a little one? (and my ſoul ſhall live.) And the Angel ſaid, eſcape thither, and the city was called Zoar. The ſun was riſen upon the earth when Lot entered into

Zoar; but his wife looked behind and she became a pillar of salt. Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of Heaven, and he overthrew those cities and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and all that grew upon the ground.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning and looked toward the cities of the plain, and beheld, and, lo! the smoke of the city went up as the smoke of a furnace. And it came to pass that when GOD destroyed these cities, GOD

remembered Abraham, and ſent Lot out of the midſt of the overthrow.

LESSON XIII.

Number VI.

ABRAHAM diſmiſſing HAGAR and ISHMAEL.

AND the LORD viſited SARAH as he had ſaid, and Sarah bare Abraham a ſon in his old age at the time which GOD had promiſed. And Abraham called the name of the ſon that Sarah bare

Iſaac; and Abraham was an hundred years old when Iſaac was born unto him. And Abraham made a great feaſt the day that his ſon was weaned. And Sarah ſaw Iſhmael, the ſon of Hagar, the Egyptian, mocking, wherefore ſhe ſaid, Caſt out this bond-woman and her ſon, for the ſon of this bond-woman ſhall not be heir with my ſon, even with Iſaac. And the thing was very grievous unto Abraham, becauſe he loved Iſhmael. And GOD ſaid unto Abraham, let it not be grievous in thy ſight, becauſe of the lad, and becauſe of the bond-woman; in all that Sarah ſaid unto thee hearken

unto her voice, for in Iſaac ſhall thy ſeed be called (or from him ſhall proceed the great nation) and alſo of the ſon of the bond-woman will I make a great nation, becauſe he is thy ſon.

So Abraham roſe up early in the morning, and (truſting in the promiſe of GOD, that he would provide for Iſhmael and Hagar) he took only ſome bread and a bottle of water and gave it unto Hagar, putting it upon her ſhoulder, and ſhe departed with her ſon, and wandered in the wilderneſs of Beerſheba. And the water was ſpent in the bottle, and Iſhmael ready to famiſh with thirſt,

and ſhe laid him down under one of the ſhrubs, and went and ſet over againſt him a great way off, for ſhe ſaid, Let me not ſee the death of the child, and ſhe lifted up her voice and wept.

And GOD had compaſſion on the lad, and called out of Heaven, and ſaid unto her, What aileth thee Hagar? Fear not, for GOD hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Ariſe, lift up the lad and hold him in thine hand; for I will make of him a great nation. And GOD opened her eyes, and ſhe ſaw a well of water, and ſhe went and filled the bottle, and gave the lad to drink.

And God was with the lad, and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderneſs of Paran, and became an archer; and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

LESSON XIV.

Number VII.

ABRAHAM travelling with his Son ISAAC, toward the Land of MORIAH.*

READ here the 22d Chapter of Geneſis, to the 20th verſe.

* Number VII. of the former ſet of Scripture Hiſtory, agrees with this chapter.

LESSON XV.

Number VIII.

ABRAHAM purchaſing the CAVE of MACHPELAH for a BURIAL PLACE.

WHEN Sarah was an hundred and twenty-ſeven years old, ſhe died at Kirjath-arba. And Abraham mourned for Sarah, and he ſtood up before his dead wife, and ſaid unto the people of Heth, I am a ſtranger, and a ſojourner with

you, give me a poſſeſſion of a burying-place, that I may bury my dead. And they anſwered him, ſaying, Hear us my lord, thou art a mighty prince amongſt us, in the choice of our ſepulchres bury thy dead. And Abraham ſaid, intreat for me unto Ephron, the ſon of Zohar, that he may give me the cave of Machpelah. And Ephron ſaid before the people of Heth, My Lord, the field I give unto thee, and the cave I give unto thee, bury thy dead. And Abraham bowed himſelf, and ſaid, I pray thee hear me, I will give thee money for the field. And Ephron ſaid, the field is

worth four hundred ſhekels of ſilver, but what is that between me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

And Abraham weighed out the money, and the field and the cave were made ſure to him for a poſſeſſion, and he buried Sarah his wife in the cave of Machpelah, before Mamre.

LESSON XVI.

ABRAHAM ſendeth his Servant to fetch a WIFE for ISAAC.*

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 24, to the middle of verſe 54.

* Number VIII. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory ſuits with this Leſſon.

LESSON XVII.

Number IX.

REBEKAH going to meet ISAAC.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 24, beginning at the middle of the 54th verſe.

LESSON XVIII.

Number X.

The BURIAL of ABRAHAM.

AND theſe were the days of Abraham's life, an hundred, threeſcore and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghoſt, and died in a good old age. And his ſons Iſaac and Iſhmael buried

him in the cave of Machpelah, by Sarah his wife. And it came to paſs, that after the death of Abraham GOD bleſſed his ſon Iſaac, and Iſaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi: and he was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife.

And Iſhmael had twelve ſons, who were princes, and from them proceeded twelve nations. And when Iſhmael had lived an hundred, thirty, and ſeven years, he gave up the ghoſt and died.

LESSON XIX.

ESAU ſells his BIRTH-RIGHT.*

WHEN Iſaac was threeſcore years old, Rebekah had two ſons, Eſau and Jacob, and before they were born, the LORD foretold that two nations would proceed from them, and that the nation proceeding from Eſau, the eldeſt, ſhould

* Number IX. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

ſerve the nation proceeding from Jacob, the youngeſt. And the boys grew, and Eſau was a cunning (or expert) hunter, a man of the field, and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Now Iſaac loved Eſau, becauſe he was very dutiful and attentive to him, and brought him veniſon; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

And Eſau came one day from the field, and he was faint, and Jacob had made himſelf ſome pottage, and Eſau ſaid to Jacob, feed me, I pray thee, with that ſame red pottage, for I am faint. And Jacob ſaid, Sell me this day

thy birth-right (or let me be as the eldeſt ſon in ſtead of thee.) And Eſau ſaid, Behold, I am at the point to die, and what profit ſhall this birth-right do me? And Jacob ſaid, Swear unto me. So Eſau ſware unto him to ſell him his birth-right. Then Jacob gave Eſau bread and pottage of lentiles, and he did eat and drink, and went his way. Thus Eſau deſpiſed his birth-right. And when he was forty years old he took two wives from the nations of the Hittites, which gave great grief to Iſaac and Rebekah.

LESSON XX.

Number XI.

JACOB obtaining his FATHER's BLESSING.

READ here, Geneſis, Chap. 27, to verſe 30.

LESSON XXI.

Number XII.

ESAU lamenting the Loss of his FATHER's BLESSING.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 27, verſ 30, to the end.

LESSON XXII.

Number XIII.

JACOB'S DREAM.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 28.

LESSON XXIII.

Number XIV.

The MEETING between JACOB and RACHEL.

THEN Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the eaſt, and there was a well, and three flocks of ſheep by it, and there was a great ſtone upon the well's mouth. And Jacob ſaid unto thoſe that were with the

ſheep, Whence are ye? And they ſaid, Of Haran are we. And Jacob ſaid, Know ye Laban, the ſon of Nahor, and they ſaid, we know him. And he ſaid, Is he well? And they ſaid, he is well, and behold! Rachel, his daughter cometh with the ſheep; and while they yet ſpake, Rachel came, for ſhe kept her father's ſheep. And when Jacob ſaw her, he came near, and rolled away the ſtone, and watered her flock. And Jacob kiſſed Rachel, and lift up his voice and wept, and told her that he was of kin to her father, that he was Rebekah's ſon, and ſhe ran and told her father, and

when Laban heard tidings of Jacob, his ſiſter's ſon, he ran and embraced him, and ſaid, Surely thou art our bone and our fleſh, and Jacob went and dwelt with him; and Laban ſaid, Becauſe thou art our brother, therefore ſhouldſt thou ſerve us for nought: tell me now what ſhall thy wages be? And Laban had two daughters, Leah and Rachel, and Jacob loved Rachael, and he ſaid, I will ſerve thee ſeven years for Rachel thy youngeſt daughter, ſo he ſerved Laban ſeven years; but at the end of them Laban gave him Leah inſtead of Rachel, ſaying, in our country the youngeſt muſt not be given

before the elder; if thou wilt ſerve me yet other ſeven years, I will give thee Rachel alſo, Jacob conſented, and Laban gave him Rachel, and Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah.

LESSON XXIV.

Number XV.

JACOB departs from PADAN-ARAM with his Family.

AND when Jacob had ſerved Laban fourteen years, he ſaid unto him, Send

me away, that I may go to my own country: Give me my wives and my children, and let me go, for thou knoweſt the ſervice that I have done unto thee. And Laban anſwered, If I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry, for I have learnt by experience that the LORD hath bleſſed me for thy ſake, appoint me thy wages, and I will give it thee. And Jacob ſaid, Thou ſhalt not give me any thing; but the ſpeckled and ſpotted among the cattle and goats, and the brown among the ſheep, of ſuch ſhall be my hire.

And the LORD cauſed all the cattle

and goats to have young ones ſpeckled and ſpotted, and all the ewes to have brown lambkins, ſo Jacob increaſed in riches, and had much cattle, and men-ſervants, and maid-ſervants, and camels, and aſſes.

And Jacob heard Laban's ſons murmuring at his proſperity, and ſaw that Laban's countenance towards him was not as before. And the LORD ſaid unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred, and I will be with thee. Then Jacob aroſe, and took his wives and his children, and all his cattle, and his goods, and departed,

LESSON XXV.

The MEETING between JACOB and ESAU*

AND Jacob ſent meſſengers before him into the land of Seir, the country of Edom, unto Eſau his brother, that he might find favour in his ſight; and the meſſengers returned, ſaying, Behold, Eſau cometh out to meet thee, and four

* Number IV. of Ancient Hiſtory, Part II. agrees with this Leſſon.

hundred men with him. Then Jacob was greatly afraid, and prayed unto the LORD to deliver him from the hand of Eſau his brother, and he ſent a preſent before him to appeaſe the anger of Eſau, two hundred ſhe goats, twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, thirty milch camels, with their colts, forty cows, and ten bulls, twenty ſhe aſſes, and ten foals.

And as Jacob purſued his journey, he looked, and behold Eſau came, and with him four hundred men; then Jacob divided his wives and children, and hand-maids into companies, and he

paſſed on before them, and he bowed himſelf to the ground ſeven times; and Eſau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kiſſed him. And Eſau lifted up his eyes, and ſaw the women and the children, and he ſaid, Whoſe are theſe with thee? Jacob anſwered, the children whom GOD hath graciouſly given thy ſervant; then they all came near and bowed themſelves.

Then Jacob urged Eſau to take his preſent, and he took it; and Eſau returned on his way to Seir, and Jacob journeyed on. And at Bethel GOD ap-

peared unto Jacob, and ſaid unto him, Thy name ſhall not be called any more JACOB, but ISRAEL ſhall be thy name, and he called his name Iſrael.

And it came to paſs, that as they journied from Bethel, Rachel died at Bethlehem, and Jacob buried her there. And at length Jacob came unto Iſaac, his father, unto Mamre, where Abraham and Iſaac ſojourned. And Iſaac gave up the ghoſt and died, being an hundred and fourſcore years old, and his ſons Eſau and Jacob buried him.

Then Jacob dwelt in the land of Canaan, and he had twelve ſons, the heads

of the tribes of Iſrael, and the names of his twelve ſons were,

1. Reuben
2. Simeon.
3. Levi.
4. Judah.
5. Dan.
6. Naphtali.
7. Gad.
8. Aſher.
9. Iſſachar.
10. Zebulun.
11. Joſeph.
12. Benjamin.

And the name of Jacob's daughter was Dinah.

LESSON XXVI.

JOSEPH ſold by his BRETHREN.*

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 37.

* Number X. of the former ſet of Scripture Hiſtory, agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON XXVII.

JOSEPH committed to PRISON.

AND Joſeph was brought down to Egypt, to the houſe of Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, who bought him of the Iſhmaelites. And the LORD was with Joſeph, and he was a proſperous man, and his maſter ſaw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to proſper, and Joſeph found

favour in his ſight, and he made him overſeer of his houſe, and all that he had. But Potiphar's wife falſely accuſed Joſeph of a very great crime, and Potiphar hearkened unto his wife, and his wrath was kindled, and he caſt Joſeph into priſon, where the king's priſoners were bound. But the LORD was ſtill with Joſeph, and gave him favour with the keeper of the priſon, and he committed to Joſeph's charge all the other priſoners.

LESSON XXVIII.

Number XVI.

JOSEPH interpreting the DREAMS of the CHIEF BUTLER and BAKER.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 40.

LESSON XXIX.

Number XVII.

JOSEPH interprets PHARAOH'S DREAM.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 41.

LESSON XXX.

Number XVIII.

JOSEPH and his BRETHREN.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 42.

LESSON XXXI.

Number XIX.

JOSEPH feasting his BRETHREN.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 43.

LESSON XXXII.

Number XX.

JOSEPH'S CUP found in BENJAMIN'S SACK.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 44.

LESSON XXXIII.

Number XXI.

JOSEPH making himſelf known to his BRETHREN.

READ here Geneſis, Chap. 45.

LESSON XXXIV.

Number XXII.

The MEETING between JACOB and JOSEPH.

AND GOD ſpake unto Iſrael in the viſions of the night, and ſaid Jacob, Jacob—I am GOD, the GOD of thy father, fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will make of thee a great nation. I will go down with thee unto Egypt;

and I will alſo bring thee up again; and Joſeph ſhall put his hand upon thine eyes. And Iſrael took his journey and came unto Egypt, with his ſons and their little ones, and their wives, and their cattle, and their goods. All the ſouls that came with Jacob, beſides his ſons' wives, were threeſcore and ſix, and himſelf and Joſeph, with Joſeph's two ſons, made in all threeſcore and ten.

And Joſeph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Iſrael his father, and preſented himſelf unto him, and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. And Iſrael ſaid unto

Joſeph, Now let me die, ſince I have ſeen thy face.

And Pharaoh gave Joſeph's father and brethren land for them to dwell in, and for their cattle, in the country of Goſhen; and they had poſſeſſions therein, and grew and multiplied exceedingly. And Iſrael dwelt in the land of Egypt ſeventeen years; ſo the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and ſeven years. And when the time drew near that he muſt die, he charged Joſeph to carry him out of Egypt to be buried with his fathers, and Joſeph ſwore unto him.

LESSON XXXV.

Number XXIII.

The DEATH of JACOB.

AND Jacob, before he died, called all his ſons together, and bleſſed them, and foretold, by the inſpiration of God, what would befal them in the latter days; what kind of people would proceed from each of them, and what the

poſſeſſion of each tribe would be in the promiſed land: and Jacob commanded that the two ſons of Joſeph, Ephraim and Manaſſeh, might be reckoned among the children of Iſrael, and they were afterwards the heads of the half tribe of Ephraim and the half tribe of Manaſſeh, inſtead of being one tribe by the name of Joſeph.

And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his ſons, he yielded up the ghoſt. And Joſeph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kiſſed him.

And when Iſrael was dead Joſeph

made a great burying for him, and all the ſons of Jacob went with their dead father into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of Macpelah. Then Joſeph and his brethren returned back into Egypt, and he continued his kindneſs to them. And Joſeph lived in Egypt, he and his father's houſe; and before he died he took an oath of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, God will ſurely viſit you, and bring you out of this land, and ye ſhall carry my bones with you.

Then Joſeph died being an hundred and ten years old.

LESSON XXXVI.

Number XXIV.

MOSES' MOTHER presenting him to PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER.

AND Joseph died, and all that generation; and the children of Israel increased exceedingly, and waxed mighty, and the land was filled with them. But there arose another king that knew

not Joſeph, and he feared leſt the Iſraelites ſhould become more numerous and mighty than his own people. So he ſpake unto the Egyptians, and they made the children of Iſrael ſerve with rigour, and made their lives bitter in hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of ſervice. And the king of Egypt charged his people, ſaying, Every ſon that is born to the Hebrews (or Iſraelites) ye ſhall caſt into the river, and every daughter ye ſhall ſave alive.

And a certain woman named Jochebed, the wife of Amram, of the houſe

of Levi, had a ſon, a goodly child, and ſhe hid him three months; and when ſhe could no longer hide him ſhe made an ark of bulruſhes, and put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the river's bank, and his ſiſter ſtood afar off to ſee what would become of him. And Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river, and her maidens with her, and when ſhe ſaw the ark, ſhe ſent her maid to fetch it: and when ſhe had opened it the babe wept, and ſhe had compaſſion on him, and ſaid, This is one of the Hebrew's children. Then ſaid his ſiſter to Pharaoh's daughter,

Shall I go and call thee a nurſe of the Hebrew women? and ſhe ſaid, Go; and the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter ſaid, Take it away and nurſe it for me, and I will give thee thy wages.* And the woman took the child, and he grew, and ſhe brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became as her ſon, and ſhe called his name Moſes: but when he was grown a man he refuſed to be called the ſon of Pharaoh's daugh-

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* Number XI. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

ter, chooſing rather to ſuffer affliction with the people of GOD; and he left Egypt, and dwelt in the land of Midian, and married Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro, the prieſt of Midian, and ſhe had a ſon, and Moſes called his name Gerſhom.

And Moſes had a brother named Aaron, and his ſiſter's name was Miriam.

LESSON XXXVII.

Number XXV.

MOSES and AARON delivering the LORD's MESSAGE to PHARAOH.

AND it came to pass in process of time that the king of Egypt died, and there came another Pharaoh; and the children of Israel cried by reason of their bondage, and GOD hearkened unto their cry, and had respect unto them; for

he remembered his covenant with Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob. And the LORD appeared unto Moſes at Mount Horeb, and promiſed that he would deliver his people Iſrael out of Egypt, with great ſigns and wonders. And when the people heard it, they bowed their heads and worſhipped. And the LORD commanded Moſes, and Aaron his brother, to go to Pharaoh, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD GOD of the Hebrews, let my people go, that they may hold a feaſt unto me in the wilderneſs; and they went. And Pharaoh ſaid, Who is the LORD, that I ſhould obey his voice to let Iſrael go?

I know not the LORD, neither will I let Iſrael go. Then Pharaoh commanded the ſame day the taſk-maſters of the people, and their officers, ſaying, You ſhall no more give the people ſtraw to make bricks, let them go and gather it for themſelves, yet not ought of the tale of bricks ſhall be diminiſhed, for they be idle, therefore they ſay, Let us go and ſacrifice to our GOD. So the people were ſcattered abroad to gather ſtubble inſtead of ſtraw; which greatly diſheartened the children of Iſrael; but the LORD repeated his promiſe, that he would deliver them from the Egyptians,

nd bring them unto the land which he ad promiſed to Abraham, Iſaac, and acob, for their poſterity, the great na- ion that was to proceed from them.

LESSON XXXVIII.

The PLAGUES of EGYPT.

AND when Pharaoh refuſed to let the people of Iſrael go, the LORD wrought

great ſigns (or miracles) by the hand of Moſes, to prove that he was the only true GOD, and could do all things; and theſe were the plagues which came upon the Egyptians when Moſes, by the command of the LORD, day after day, ſtretched forth his rod, and called for them, in the ſight of Pharaoh and all his ſervants.

1. The river, and all the water of the land was turned into blood, ſo that the fiſh that was in the river died.

2. Frogs came up upon all the land, and into the houſes, even into the king's chamber.

3. The duſt of the land was turned into lice, which tormented man and beaſt.

4. Dreadful ſwarms of flies, which bred corruption in the land.

5. Murrain upon beaſts, which deſtroyed the cattle of Egypt.

6. Boils and blains upon man and beaſt.

7. A moſt dreadful tempeſt of thunder, lightening and hail.

8. Swarms of locuſts, which eat up every herb of the land, and all the trees that the hail had left.

9. Darkneſs, ſo dreadful that none

of the Egyptians could ſee, or ſtir from their places for three days.

10. The death of all the firſt born of Egypt.*.

When the plagues were ſent, Pharaoh entreated Moſes and Aaron to pray that they might be removed, and he promiſed to let the people of Iſrael go to ſerve the LORD; but as ſoon as they were taken away, he hardened his heart, and broke his word, and would not let them depart.

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* The chapters relating to the plagues of Egypt may be read to the end of the XIth.

While the king and people of Egypt were thus viſited with the *judgments* of the LORD, the children of Iſrael enjoyed his *bleſſing*, and none of the plagues came near them; even while the Egyptians were in darkneſs, the Iſraelites had light in their dwellings. By which mean the LORD made a viſible difference between thoſe who ſerved him, and thoſe who diſobeyed his voice; and proved that he could do whatever pleaſed him.

LESSON XXXIX.

The DEPARTURE of the ISRAELITES from EGYPT.

AND it came to paſs, that at midnight, when the LORD ſmote all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh roſe up, and all his ſervants, and there was a great cry, for there was not a houſe in which there was not one dead.

And Pharaoh called for Moſes and Aaron by night, and ſaid, Riſe up, and

get ye forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Iſrael, and take your flocks and your herds, and be gone and bleſs me alſo. And the Egyptians were urgent that they ſhould go out of the land, for they ſaid, We be all dead men. Then the people of Iſrael departed from Pharaoh, and they journeyed to Succoth, about ſix hundred thouſand on foot that were men, beſides children.

Now the ſojourneying of the children of Iſrael in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years, and then all the hoſts of the LORD went out of the land of Egypt.

LESSON XL.

Number XXVI.

The DIVIDING of the RED SEA.

AND it came to paſs that when Pharaoh had let the people go, that GOD led them by the way of the wilderneſs of the red ſea. And Moſes took the bones of Joſeph with him. And the LORD went before them by day in a

pillar of a cloud, to lead them in the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled, and he made ready his chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt and captains over them, and purſued after the children of Iſrael, and overtook them encamping by Pi-hahiroth. And when the children of Iſrael beheld them marching after, they were ſore afraid, and reproached Moſes and Aaron, ſaying, It had been better for us to ſerve the Egyptians than to die in this wilderneſs. And Moſes ſaid unto the people, Fear not, ſtand ſtill, and ſee

the ſalvation of the LORD, which he will ſhew you this day. The LORD ſhall fight for you, and ye ſhall hold your peace.

And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, ſpeak unto the people, that they go forward. But lift thou up thy rod, and ſtretch out thine hand towards the ſea; and the children of Iſrael ſhall go on dry land, through the midſt of the ſea; and the Egyptians ſhall know that I am the LORD. And the pillar of the cloud went from before their face and ſtood behind them, between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of the Iſraelites, it was a cloud and darkneſs to *them*,

but it gave light to *theſe*, ſo that the one came not near the other all night.

And Moſes ſtretched out his hand over the ſea; and the LORD cauſed the ſea to go back by a ſtrong eaſt wind all that night, and made the ſea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Iſrael went into the midſt of the ſea upon the dry ground; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians purſued and went in after them; and it came to paſs, that in the morning the LORD looked into the hoſt

of the Egyptians, through the pillar of the fire, and of the cloud, and troubled the hoſt of the Egyptians, and they ſaid, Let us flee from the face of Iſrael, for the LORD fighteth for them. And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand over the ſea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians. And Moſes ſtretched his hand over the ſea. And the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midſt of the ſea,* and the waters returned and covered the chariots and the

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* Number XII. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

horſemen, and all the hoſt of Pharaoh, that came into the ſea after them; there remained not ſo much as one of them. Thus the LORD ſaved Iſrael that day out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Iſrael ſaw the Egyptians dead that day upon the ſea ſhore. And the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and his ſervant Moſes.

LESSON XLI.

Number XXVII.

The People of ISRAEL gathering MANNA.

READ here Exodus, Chap. xvi.

LESSON XLII.

Number XXVIII.

WATER flowing out of the ROCK.

READ here Exodus, Chap. xvii. to verſe 8.

LESSON XLIII.

AMALEK oppoſing the PEOPLE of the LORD.*

READ here Exodus, Chap. xvii, from verſe 8, to the end.

* Number V. of Ancient Hiſtory, Part II. agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON XLIV.

The ISRAELITES come to SINAI.

AND the children of Iſrael came to the wilderneſs of Sinai, and they encamped before the mount. And Moſes went up unto GOD, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou ſay to the Houſe of Jacob, and tell the children

of Iſrael, If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye ſhall be a peculiar treaſure unto me above all people, for the whole earth is mine. And Moſes laid before them the words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people anſwered together, All that the LORD hath ſpoken we will do.

And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear me when I ſpeak unto thee, and believe thee for ever. Go and ſanctify the people, and

be ready againſt the third day. And Moſes did ſo.

LESSON XLV.

The LAW given from MOUNT SINAI.

READ here Exodus, Chap. xix. beginning at verſe 7, and Chap. xx. to verſe 24.

LESSON XLVI.

Moses receiving the Two Tables of Testimony.*

AND afterwards the Lord ſaid to Moſes, come up into the mount. And Moſes went up, and a cloud covered the mount, and Moſes was forty days

* Number XIII. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory anſwers to this Leſſon.

and forty nights in the mount, and the LORD inſtructed him concerning the Tabernacle which he was to make for holy worſhip and all its appurtenances.

And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, Verily my Sabbaths ye ſhall keep, for it is a ſign between me and you throughout your generations, that ye may know that I am the LORD which doth ſanctify you.

And the LORD gave unto Moſes, when he had made an end of communing with him, two Tables of teſtimony, tables of ſtone, written by the

finger of GOD, that is by his own power, not by any creature.

LESSON XLVII.

Number XXIX.

The ISRAELITES worſhipping the GOLDEN CALF.

BUT while Moſes ſtaid in the mount, the people prevailed on Aaron to make them a golden calf, or idol, and they ſaid, Theſe be thy Gods, O Iſrael, which

brought the out of thee land of Egypt, and on the morrow they offered ſacrifice to it. And as Moſes came down from the mount, he heard them ſhouting, and when he knew what they had done, he caſt the two Tables of the teſtimony out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount; and when he came to the camp, he commanded that thoſe who were for the LORD, ſhould kill the wicked idolaters, and the tribe of Levi gathered themſelves together, and ſlew about three thouſand men, who had worſhipped the golden calf.

Then Moſes entreated the LORD for his people, and the LORD pardoned their tranſgreſſion, and commanded him to hew two tables like the firſt, and Moſes did ſo, and roſe early in the morning, and went up into mount Sinai: and the LORD made a Covenant with his people, that he would do marvels for them, if they would obſerve his commands. And GOD wrote upon the Tables the words of the Covenant, the Ten Commandments. And when Moſes came down from the mount with the two Tables of teſtimony in his hand, Aaron and the people of Iſrael ſaw that his face ſhone.

And he gave to all Iſrael in commandment all that the LORD had ſpoken unto him in mount Sinai. And becauſe his face ſhone, he put a veil on it while he ſpake to them; but when he went before the LORD to ſpeak with Him, he took the veil off.

LESSON XLVIII.

Number XXX.

The ARK of the COVENANT.

AND Moſes gathered all the people together, and commanded them, in the name of the LORD, to bring offerings towards the Tabernacle, or holy tent, which was to be prepared for the Ark of the Covenant; ſo they brought their offerings, and the Tabernacle was made,

and all its furniture, and the Ark of the Covenant (or cheſt) to hold the tables of teſtimony, namely, the Ten Commandments. Holy garments were alſo made for Aaron the high prieſt and his ſons, to wear when they miniſtered in the tabernacle.* And when the tabernacle was finiſhed, it was ſet up, and the ark of the covenant, containing the tables, was placed in it, and ſacrifices offered according to the commandment of the LORD. And the Cloud of the

* Number XIV. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

LORD covered the tent of the congregation, which ſurrounded the tabernacle, and the Glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle.

And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, on this wiſe ye ſhall bleſs the children of Iſrael, ſaying unto them, The LORD bleſs thee, and keep thee. The LORD make his face to ſhine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

And the Cloud of the LORD was upon the Tabernacle by day and fire by night, in the ſight of all the houſe of Iſrael,

and when the cloud was taken up they followed it, the ark was carried before them, but while it reſted they journeyed not. And when the ark ſet forward, Moſes ſaid, Riſe up, O LORD, and let thine enemies be ſcattered. And when it reſted, he ſaid, Return, O LORD, unto the many thouſands of Iſrael. And the LORD promiſed great bleſſings to his people, if they would keep his ſabbaths, reverence his ſanctuary, or behave well in the place of holy worſhip, walk, or live according to the laws he gave them, and keep his commandments.

And the tribe of Levi was ſet apart for the ſervice of the Tabernacle. The family of Aaron were prieſts, and the reſt of the tribe were called Levites; theſe had the charge of all the Holy things, and when the tabernacle was removed, they took it down, and carried it, and all belonging to it, from place to place, and when it was to reſt they ſet it up.

In the ſecond year after the people of Iſrael came out of Egypt, the cloud was taken up from off the Tabernacle of the teſtimony. And the children of Iſrael took their journey out of the wilderneſs of Sinai, and the cloud reſted in

the wilderneſs of Paran, and there the camp pitched.

LESSON XLIX.

Number XXXI.

The RETURN of the SPIES.

BY the command of the LORD Moſes ſent twelve men, from every tribe a man, to ſpy out, or take a view of the land of Canaan, and to bring of the fruit of the land; ſo they went and ſearched it, and returned after forty days, bring-

ing with them a bunch of grapes, carried between two men. And one of the ſpies, namely, Caleb, the ſon of Jephunneh, ſaid, Let us go up at once and poſſeſs the land, for he truſted in the power of the LORD, and in his promiſe, that he would drive out the inhabitants of Canaan before his people; and Joſhua, the ſon of Nun, agreed with him. But ten of the ſpies brought an evil report of the land, and ſaid, that there were mighty giants there. Then all the congregation diſtruſting the word and the power of the LORD, lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept

all that night, and murmured againſt Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid, Would to GOD we had died in the land of Egypt, or in this wilderneſs. Wherefore hath the LORD brought us into this land to die by the ſword that our wives and our children ſhould be a prey? Were it not better for us to return into the land of Egypt. And they ſaid one to another, Let us make us a captain, and let us return unto Egypt.

Thus the people of Iſrael provoked the LORD in the wilderneſs.

And the glory of the LORD appeared

in the Tabernacle of the congregation, and the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Becauſe all theſe men which have ſeen my glory and my miracles which I did in Egypt, and in the wilderneſs, have tempted me theſe ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice, ſurely they ſhall not ſee the land; their carcaſes ſhall fall in the wilderneſs, the whole number of them, from twenty years old and upwards, excepting Caleb, the ſon of Jephunneh, and Joſhua, the ſon of Nun; but their little ones, who they ſaid ſhould be a prey, theſe will I bring in. But they ſhall

wander in the wilderneſs forty years, till your carcaſes be waſted.

Then theſe ten men that brought up an evil report of the land died by the plague before the LORD that day; but Joſhua and Caleb lived ſtill.

And the people journeyed to mount Hor, by the coaſt of Edom, and Aaron died at mount Hor, and the people mourned for him forty days, and Eleazar his ſon was high prieſt in his ſtead.

And the LORD gave his people victory over Arad, king of the Canaanites, and they utterly deſtroyed the Canaanites in

that place and their cities. And as they journeyed on they fought with Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Baſhan, and overcame them, and took poſſeſſion of their land, which was given to the tribe of Gad, the tribe of Reuben, and the half tribe of Manaſſah.

LESSON L.

Number XXXII.

MOSES viewing the PROMISED LAND, from Mount PISGAH.

AND at the end of the fortieth year, after their departure from Egypt, Moſes aſſembled all the congregation of Iſrael, and reminded them of the great things that GOD had done for them, and of

their manifold tranſgreſſions. And admoniſhed them to be faithful to the LORD for the time to come, and love him with all their heart, and not forſake him to worſhip idols; but to keep his ſtatutes, and obey his laws, and teach their children to do the ſame; aſſuring them that if they did not, the LORD would ſcatter them among all nations. And Moſes cauſed all the laws and ordinances which he had received from the LORD to be written, and delivered the whole of them to the prieſts, the ſons of Levi: he alſo gave a ſolemn charge to Joſhua, who was to be the

leader of the people after him, to be of good courage, and put his truſt and confidence in the LORD. Then Moſes went up to the top of mount Piſgah, and the LORD ſhewed him all the promiſed land. And the LORD ſaid, I have cauſed thee to ſee it with thine eyes, but thou ſhalt not go over thither.

Then Moſes, the ſervant of the LORD died there, in the land of Moab, according to the word which the LORD had ſpoken. And Moſes was an hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eye was not dim, nor his natural

force abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moſes thirty days.

LESSON LI.

Number XXXIII.

JOSHUA paſſing through the HOSTS of ISRAEL.

READ here Joſhua, Chap. 1.

LESSON LII.

The PEOPLE paſs over JORDAN.*

READ here Joſhua, Chap. 3 and 4.

* Number VI. of Antient Hiſtory, Part II. agrees with this Leſſon,

LESSON LIII.

Number XXXIV.

JERICHO taken.

READ here Joſhua, Chap. VI.

LESSON LIV.

Joshua's Conquests.

AND the Lord magnified Joſhua in the eyes of the people, for he gave him victory over many kings.: the king of Jericho, the king of Ai, the king of Jeruſalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachiſh, the king of Eglon, the king of Gezer, the king of Debir, the king of Geder, the

king of Hormah, the king of Arad, the king of Libnah, the king of Adullam, the king of Makkedah, the king of Beth-el, the king of Tappuah, the king of Hepher, the king of Aphek, the king of Laſharon, the king of Madon, the king of Hazor, the king of Shimron-meron, the king of Achſhaph, the king of Taanach, the king of Megiddo, the king of Kedeſh, the king Jokneam, the king of Dor, the king of the nations of Gilgal, the king of Tirzah; in all thirty and one kings.

And as Joſhua was fighting againſt ſome of theſe kings, and they fled be-

fore him, he prayed to the LORD, and ſaid, in the ſight of Iſrael Sun ſtand thou ſtill upon Gibeon, and thou Moon in the valley of Ajalon. And the Sun ſtood ſtill, and the Moon ſtayed until the people had avenged themſelves of their enemies. And there was no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened to the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Iſrael.*

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* Number XV. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory anſwers to this Leſſon.

LESSON LV.

Number XXXV.

JOSHUA delivering the LOTS to the PEOPLE.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Iſrael aſſembled together at Shiloh, and ſet up the tabernacle of the congregation there, and the land was ſubdued before them. And Joſhua divided the land to the people by Lot, and the Lot of each tribe was according to

the bleſſing of Jacob at his death, and the command of the LORD by Moſes.

Thus the LORD gave unto Iſrael all the land which he promiſed to their fathers, and they afterwards got poſſeſſion of it, and dwelt therein. And the LORD gave them reſt round about, and there ſtood not a man of all their enemies before them, the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hands, there failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had ſpoken unto the houſe of Iſrael, all came to paſs.

LESSON LVI.

Number XXXVI.

JOSHUA ſetting up the STONE of MEMORIAL at GILGAL.

READ here Joſhua, Chap. 24

LESSON LVII.

The People of ISRAEL forſake the LORD and worſhip IDOLS.

AND when that whole generation was dead that lived with Joſhua, there aroſe another, which forſook the LORD, and worſhipped the idols of the people that were round about them, and provoked the LORD to anger, and ſerved Baal and Aſhtaroth.

And the anger of the LORD was hot againſt Iſrael, and he ſaid, Becauſe this people have tranſgreſſed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice, I will not henceforth drive out the nations which Joſhua left when he died, that through them I may prove Iſrael, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein or not. Therefore the LORD left thoſe nations without driving them out haſtily. And the children of Iſrael dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebuzites,

whom they had ſpared when the LORD delivered them into their hands, and they took wives from among them, and gave their daughters as wives to the ſons of theſe idolaters, and joined with them in worſhipping Baal, ſo the LORD delivered them into the hands of ſpoilers, that ſpoiled them, and ſold them into the hands of their enemies, ſo that they could no longer ſtand before their enemies: whitherſoever they went the hand of the LORD was againſt them for evil, as he had threatened, and they were ſorely diſtreſſed. But when they turned unto the LORD, and cried unto

him: he had compaſſion upon them as he had promiſed, and raiſed them up judges, who delivered them out of the hands of thoſe that ſpoiled them. But when the judge was dead, they returned to idols, and corrupted themſelves more and more.

The names of the Judges of Iſrael.

1. Othniel.
2. Ehud.
3. Shamgar.
4. Deborah and Barak.
5. Gideon.
6. Tola.
7. Jair.
8. Jepthah.
9. Sampſon.
10. Eli.
11. Samuel

LESSON LVIII.

Number XXXVII.

SISERA put to Death by JAEL.

IN the days of Deborah and Barak the LORD had delivered Iſrael for their idolatries into the hands of Jabin, king of Canaan, the captain of whoſe hoſt was Siſera. And Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and twenty years he

mightily oppreſſed Iſrael. But the LORD raiſed up Deborah the propheteſs to judge and deliver Iſrael. And ſhe called unto her Barak, who brought with him ten thouſand men. And Siſera gathered together all his chariots and people; but the LORD cauſed all his hoſt to fall by the ſword before Barak. And Siſera lighted down from his chariot, and fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber, who while he ſlept took a hammer and drove a nail into his temples, and he died.

LESSON LIX.

The MIDIANITES ſubdued.*

IN the days of Gideon the Iſraelites were oppreſſed by the Midianites, who, together with the Amalekites deſtroyed the increaſe of the earth, for they came with their cattle and their tents, and

* Number III. of Ancient Hiſtory, Part II. agrees with this Leſſon.

both they and their camels were without number, and Iſrael was greatly impoveriſhed, and the people fled to dens and caves and ſtrong holds; and they cried unto the LORD, who appeared unto Gideon, and ſaid unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou ſhalt ſmite the Midianites as one man.

Then the Midianites and Amalekites gathered a great army, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. And the LORD ſaid to Gideon, Get thee down to the hoſt, for I have delivered them into thine hand. So Gideon went according to the command of the LORD, and three

hundred men with him, and each man had in his hand a trumpet, and a pitcher with a lamp. And they blew their trumpets, and brake their pitchers, and cried, The ſword of the LORD and of Gideon! and the whole hoſt fled, and the LORD ſet every man's ſword againſt his fellow, and all the men of Iſrael gathered themſelves together and purſued after them, and there fell of the Midianites an hundred and twenty thouſand men, and Iſrael gained much ſpoil. Thus Midian was ſubdued before Iſrael, that they lifted up their hands

no more againſt them, and the country was in quietneſs forty years in the days of Gideon.

LESSON LX.

The STRENGTH of SAMSON.

AND the children of Iſrael again did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and he delivered them into the hands of the Philiſtines forty years. And there was a certain man whoſe name was Samſon,

whom the LORD raiſed up to begin to deliver Iſrael, and he was the ſtrongeſt of men, for the LORD gave him great ſtrength, that he might overcome the Philiſtines; but the LORD had ſaid no razor ſhall come upon his head.

And the ſpirit of the LORD moved Samſon at times to fight with the Philiſtines, and then he did wonders.

When the people of Judah delivered him up bound with ſtrong cords into the hands of the Philiſtines, the cords became like flax that was burnt with fire, and the bonds looſed from his hands,

and he ſeized the jaw-bone of an aſs, and ſlew a thouſand men of the Philiſtines with it. When he was at Gaza and heard that the Philiſtines deſigned to kill him, he aroſe at midnight, and took the gates of the city with the poſts and bars, and carried them away upon his ſhoulders to the top of a hill.*

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* Number XVI. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory anſwers to this Leſſon.

LESSON LXI.

Number XXXVIII.

SAMSON pulling down the TEMPLE of DAGON.

BUT after this Samſon loved a woman of the Philiſtines, and her name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philiſtines ſaid unto her, entice Sampſon to tell us wherein his great ſtrength lieth, and how we may prevail againſt him to

afflict him, and we will give thee, every one of us, eleven hundred pieces of ſilver. So Delilah enticed Samſon; but he deceived her twice: but at the laſt, when ſhe preſſed him earneſtly to tell her, he told her all his heart, and ſaid, If I break the command of GOD and be ſhaven, I ſhall be as other men. So when Samſon ſlept, Delilah cauſed the ſeven locks of his head to be ſhaved, and the LORD took his ſtrength from him.

Then the Philiſtines took him, and put out his eyes, and bound him with fetters of braſs, and made him grind in the priſon. But the LORD gave him

his ſtrength again, and the Philiſtines knew it not: ſo when they made a great feaſt to Dagon their idol, they fetched Samſon to the temple to make ſport for them; and they placed him between the two pillars, and Samſon laid hold of the pillars, and prayed to the LORD to ſtrengthen him that once. Then he bowed with all his might, and the houſe fell upon the lords and all that were therein: ſo thoſe which he ſlew at his death were more than they which he ſlew in his life. Then his father and brethren came down and buried him.

LESSON LXII.

HANNAH brings SAMUEL to ELI.*

ELI was both high prieſt and judge in Iſrael. And it came to paſs in his days that a certain woman, named Hannah, the wife of Elkanah, went up to Jeruſalem with her huſband, and having no child, ſhe prayed unto the LORD, and ſaid, that if the LORD would give

* Number XVII. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory anſwers to this Leſſon.

her a man child, ſhe would dedicate him to the LORD, to ſerve the LORD all the days of his life.

And the LORD granted Hannah's prayer, and ſhe had a ſon, and named him Samuel; and when ſhe had weaned him, ſhe brought him to Jeruſalem to Eli, and ſaid unto him, O, my lord, as thy ſoul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that ſtood by thee here praying unto the LORD; for this child Iprayed, and the LORD hath given me my petition which I aſked of him. Therefore alſo have I given him unto the LORD. And Samuel worſhipped the LORD there.

Now the ſons of Eli were very wicked. And Eli was old, and heard all that his ſons did, and he reproved them, ſaying, Nay, my ſons, this is no good report that I hear; but he reſtrained them not.

And the child Samuel grew and miniſtered before the LORD, being a child girded with a linen ephod, or prieſtly garment; and his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year when ſhe went up to Jeruſalem to offer the yearly ſacrifice.

And the LORD ſent a prophet unto

Eli, to ſay unto him, that the prieſthood ſhould be taken from his houſe, becauſe he ſuffered his ſons to diſhonour the LORD, and that Hophni and Phineas ſhould die, both of them, in one day.

LESSON LXII.

Number XXXIX.

The DEATH of ELI.

READ here Samuel, Book I. Chap. 4. to verſe 19.

LESSON LXIII.

The ARK of the LORD in the TEMPLE of DAGON.*

THEN the Philiſtines took the ark of the LORD into the houſe of Dagon, and behold in the morning Dagon was fallen down before it; and they ſet him up in his place, but in the morning they found

* Number VII. of the 2d Part of Antient Hiſtory, agrees with this Leſſon.

him again fallen down and broken, ſo that only the ſtump of Dagon was left.

And the LORD puniſhed the Philiſtines with plagues for taking the ark; ſo they ſent it about from place to place, and wherever it went the people were plagued: then they took counſel to ſend it away, and they put it in a new cart, and tied two milch cows to the cart, and ſhut up their calves at home. And the cows took the ſtraight way to the land of Iſrael, and the people received it with great joy, and it was taken into the houſe of Abinadab, at Kerjath-jearim,

and Eleazar his ſon was ſanctified to keep it, and it remained there twenty years. And Iſrael lamented after the LORD, and Samuel offered ſacrifices for them, and the LORD hearkened unto their prayers, and gave them victory over the Philiſtines. And Samuel judged Iſrael, and dwelt in Ramah.

LESSON LXIV.

Number XL.

SAMUEL anointing SAUL.

AND it came to paſs, that when Samuel was old, he made his ſons judges; but they walked not in his ways. Then all the elders of Iſrael came to Samuel, and ſaid, Make us a king to judge us like all the nations. And the thing diſpleaſed Samuel; but when he prayed

unto the LORD, the LORD ſaid unto him, Hearken unto the voice of the people, for they have not rejected thee; but they have rejected me, that I ſhould not rule over them, according to all the works that they have done ſince I brought them out of the land of Egypt; but ſhew them the manner of the king that ſhall reign over them.

So Samuel aſſembled the people, and told them the words of the LORD, how that the king would rule over them with a high hand, and exact much ſervice from them. And Samuel moreover ſaid, Ye ſhall cry out in that day,

becauſe of the king which ye have choſen, and the LORD will not hear you. Nevertheleſs the people ſaid, Nay, but we will have a king to rule over us: then Samuel ſaid, Go every man to his city.

And the LORD commanded Samuel to make Saul, the ſon of Kiſh, a Benjamite, king of Iſrael; and Saul came to Ramah, ſeeking his father's aſſes, and Samuel invited him to his houſe, and took a vial of oil, and poured it on his head, and kiſſed him, and ſaid, Is it not becauſe the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance.

And Saul was higher than any of the people from his ſhoulders and upwards.* And Samuel ſaid afterwards to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath choſen, that there is none like him among you. And the people ſhouted, and ſaid, GOD ſave the king! And Samuel told Saul the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book.

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* Number XVIII. of the former ſet of Scripture Hiſtory, ſuits with this Leſſon.

LESSON LXV.

SAMUEL teſtifieth his INTEGRITY.

READ here Samuel, Book I. Chap. 12.

Kings of all Iſrael.
Saul.
David.
Solomon.

LESSON LXVI.

Number XLI.

SAMUEL departing from SAUL.

WHEN Saul had reigned ſeveral years, Samuel ſaid unto him, thus ſaith

the LORD, Go and ſmite the Amalekites, and utterly deſtroy all that they have, let nothing remain alive; for the Amalekites were idolaters, who ſet themſelves againſt the LORD from the time that he delivered Iſrael out of Egypt. So Saul went againſt the Amalekites, and ſmote them with a very great ſlaughter; but Agag their king he ſaved alive, and the beſt of the ſheep and oxen, and fatlings, and lambs, and all that was good: every thing that was vile and refuſe they utterly deſtroyed.

Then the LORD ſent Samuel to Saul, and when he came to him, Saul ſaid,

Bleſſed be thou of the LORD, I have performed the commandment of the LORD. And Samuel ſaid, What meaneth then this bleating of ſheep and ſound of oxen which I hear? And Saul ſaid, They have brought them from the Amalekites to ſacrifice to the LORD; but the reſt they have utterly deſtroyed. And Samuel ſaid, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and ſacrifices as in obeying the word of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than ſacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. Becauſe thou haſt rejected the word of

the LORD, he hath rejected thee from being king. And as Samuel turned about to go away, Saul laid hold of the ſkirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel ſaid unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Iſrael from thee, and given it to a neighbour of thine who is better than thou. And Samuel came no more to ſee Saul, nevertheleſs he mourned for him.

LESSON LXVII.

Number XLII.

SAMUEL anointing DAVID.

READ here Samuel, Book I. Chap. 16, to verſe 14.

LESSON LXVIII.

Number XLIII.

DAVID fighting with GOLIATH.

READ here Samuel, Book I. Chap. 17.*

* Number XIX. of the former ſet of Scripture Hiſtory, anſwers to this chapter.

LESSON LXIX.

DAVID returning from the SLAUGHTER of the PHILISTINES.

READ here Samuel, Book I. Chap. 18, to verse 10.

LESSON LXX.

The PARTING between DAVID and JONATHAN.

AND Saul ſpake to Jonathan his ſon, and to all his ſervants, that they ſhould kill David; but Jonathan loved David as his own ſoul, and perſuaded him to flee away, and they took an oath to be true and faithful friends to each other; then they kiſſed one another and wept; and Jonathan ſaid to David, Go in peace;

and he aroſe and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

Then David was obliged to flee from place to place, for when Saul heard where he was, he ſent people to take him. And when David eſcaped to the cave at Adullam, his brethren and his father's houſe, and many perſons who were diſtreſſed or diſcontented with Saul's government, reſorted unto him; and among them were ſome of Saul's officers, mighty men of valour; but David would not try to get the kingdom during Saul's life, becauſe Saul had been anointed king

by the command of the LORD. And while Saul with his army were ſeeking for David, there came a meſſenger unto him, ſaying, Haſte thee and come, for the Philiſtines have invaded the land. Wherefore Saul returned from purſuing after David, and went againſt the Philiſtines. And David removed and dwelt in ſtrong holds at Engedi.

LESSON LXXI.

Number XLIV.

DAVID perſuadeth ABISHAI to ſpare the Life of SAUL.

READ here Samuel, Book I. Chap. 24, and the firſt verſe of Chap. 25.

LESSON LXXII.

Number XLV.

The DEATH of SAUL.

READ here Samuel, Book I. Chap. 31.

LESSON LXXIII.

Number XLVI.

DAVID receiving the News of SAUL's Death.

READ here Samuel, Book II. Chap. 1, to verse 17.

LESSON LXXIV.

DAVID made KING at HEBRON.

READ here Samuel, Book II. Chap. 2, to verſe 12.*

* Number XX. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory ſuits this Leſſon.

LESSON LXXV.

Number XLVII.

DAVID dancing before the ARK.

AND when Iſh-boſheth, Saul's ſon had reigned two years, he was ſlain by two of his officers, and David was made king over all Iſrael.

And David cauſed the ark of the LORD to be brought from the houſe of

Abinadab, where it had been twenty years; and it was carried to the city of David, even Sion. And David laid aſide his royal robes, and mixed with the prieſts and Levites, who were dreſſed in linen garments, and played before the ark of the LORD, on all manner of inſtruments of muſic. And David and all the houſe of Iſrael brought up the ark of the LORD with ſhouting, and the ſound of the trumpet. And the ark was brought into its place, in the midſt of the tabernacle that David had prepared for it.

LESSON LXXVI.

Number XLVIII.

DAVID feasting his PEOPLE.

AND David offered sacrifices, and when he had made an end of offering, he blessed his people, and dealt among them, even among the whole multitude of Israel, women as well as men, to every one a cake of bread, a good

piece of fleſh, and a flaggon of wine. Then all the people departed every one to his houſe.

LESSON LXXVII.

Number XLIX.

The Prophet NATHAN reproving DAVID.

AND David loved and ſerved the LORD with all his heart, he worſhipped no idols, but abhorred them, and the LORD called him the man after his own

heart, and gave him victory over all his enemies, and his kingdom increaſed greatly, beyond all the kingdoms of the earth. He conquered all the nations of idolaters who were not ſubdued before, and took great treaſures.

But David committed a great ſin, for he loved Bathſheba, the wife of Uriah, the Hittite, one of his valiant officers. And he ſent a letter by Uriah unto Joab the captain of his hoſt, who was warring againſt Rabbah, ſaying, Set Uriah in the fore-front of the hotteſt battle, and retire from him that he may be ſmitten and die. Then Joab did ſo, and

Uriah was ſlain. And David ſent and fetched Bathſheba, and ſhe became his wife.

Then the LORD ſent the prophet Nathan to reprove him for his ſin. And Nathan ſpake a parable unto David concerning a rich man, who had taken away a poor man's lamb. And David ſaid to Nathan, The man who has done this thing ſhall ſurely die. And Nathan ſaid unto David, THOU ART THE MAN, for thou haſt taken away the wife of Uriah. And David ſaid, I have ſinned againſt the LORD. And Nathan ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD: Thou ſhalt not die;

but evil ſhall ariſe to thee out of thine own houſe.

Then David mourned for his great tranſgreſſion, and humbled himſelf in the ſight of all his people; and the LORD ſpared his life; but he ſuffered many affiictions to fall upon him. His children diſagreed amongſt themſelves, and Amnon, one of his ſons, was killed by his brother Abſalom.

LESSON LXXVIII.

Number L.

DAVID and his People going up MOUNT OLIVET.

AND it came to paſs after this, that Abſalom prepared him chariots and horſes, and fifty men to run before him, and he tried to draw the hearts of all Iſrael to him, that they might make him king inſtead of David his father.

And Abſalom ſent ſpies through all the tribes of Iſrael, ſaying, As ſoon as ye hear the ſound of the trumpet, then ye ſhall ſay, Abſalom reigneth in Hebron. And the conſpiracy was ſtrong, for the people increaſed continually to Abſalom.

And there came a meſſenger to David, ſaying, The hearts of the men of Iſrael are after Abſalom.

And David (fearing that Abſalom would bring upon himſelf the guilt of killing a father, or be killed himſelf) ſaid unto all his ſervants that were with him at Jeruſalem, Ariſe, and let us flee,

for we ſhall not elſe eſcape from Abſalom: make ſpeed to depart, leſt he overtake us ſuddenly, and bring evil upon us, and ſmite the city with the edge of the ſword.

And the king went forth, and all his houſehold after him. And he paſſed over the brook Kidron, and all the country wept with a loud voice as he paſſed over. And lo, Zadok the prieſt, and Abiathar alſo, and the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of GOD. And the king ſaid unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of GOD into the city: if I ſhall find favour with the LORD, he

will bring me again, and ſhew me both it and his habitation. But if he thus ſay, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do what ſeemeth him good: Zadok therefore, and Abiathar carried the ark of GOD to Jeruſalem, and they tarried there.

And David went up by the aſcent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people as they went covered every one his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

And David came to Mahanaim, and Abſalom paſſed over Jordan, he and all the men of Iſrael with him. So Iſrael and Abſalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

And it came to paſs that Shobi, and Machir, and Barzillai, brought beds and baſons, and earthen veſſels, and wheat, and barley, and parched corn, and honey, and butter, and ſheep, and cheeſe for David, and the people that were with him.

LESSON LXXIX.

Number LI.

DAVID receiving Tidings of the Death of ABSALOM.

READ here Samuel, Book II. Chap. 18.*

* Number XXI. of the former ſet of Scripture Hiſtory, agrees with this chapter.

LESSON LXXX.

Number LII.

SOLOMON proclaimed KING.

READ here Kings, Book I. Chap. 1, verſe 1. Paſs over verſe 2, 3, 4, read from verſe 5 to the end.

LESSON LXXXI.

Number LIII.

DAVID giving a Charge to SOLOMON his Son.

READ here Chronicles, Book I. Chap. 22, verſe 5, to the end. Chap 28, 29.

LESSON LXXXII.

Solomon's Dream.

WHEN king Solomon began to reign he loved the Lord, walking in the ſtatutes of David his father.

And God appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and ſaid, Aſk what I ſhall give thee: and Solomon prayed for an underſtanding heart, that he might know how to judge his people and diſ-

cern between good and bad. Then GOD ſaid, Becauſe thou haſt aſked this thing, and haſt not aſked for long life, neither riches, neither the life of thine enemies, behold! I have done according to thy words: lo! I have given thee a wiſe and underſtanding heart, ſo that there was none like thee before thee, neither ſhall there another after thee be like thee. And I have alſo given thee that which thou haſt not aſked, riches and honour, ſo that there ſhall not be any among the kings of the earth like unto thee all thy days; and if thou wilt walk in my

commandments as David, then I will lengthen thy days.

And Solomon went to Jeruſalem, and offered up ſacrifices unto the LORD, and the LORD gave Solomon great wiſdom, ſo that he was wiſer than all men, and there came of all people to hear the wiſdom of Solomon; and he reigned over many kingdoms, and he exceeded in riches all the kings of the earth. Then Solomon built an houſe to the LORD, and adorned it with curious carved work, and it was covered within with pure gold, and the veſſels of the houſe were of pure gold.

And Solomon built an houſe for himſelf, and another for his queen. And he had a great throne of ivory, overlaid with pure gold, and there were ſteps to the throne, with a footſtool of gold, which was faſtened to the throne. And twelve lions ſtood upon the ſteps of the throne, on each ſide one, and it was round behind; there was not the like in any kingdom.* And all the drinking veſſels of king Solomon were of pure gold.

* Number XXII. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON LXXXIII.

Number LIV.

SOLOMON praying at the Dedication of the TEMPLE.

READ here Chron. Book II. Chap. 5, Chap. 6, and Chap. 7.

LESSON LXXXIV.

Number LV.

SOLOMON and the Queen of SHEBA.

READ here Kings, Book I. Chap. 10 to verſe 14.

LESSON LXXXV.

Number LVI.

SOLOMON offering a SACRIFICE to IDOLS.

BUT when Solomon grew old, he took many wives from the nations whereof the LORD had ſaid unto Iſrael, Thou ſhalt not take wives from among them. And it came to paſs, that his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect unto the

LORD as the heart of David his father. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, and the LORD ſaid unto him, I will rend the kingdom from thee, and give it to thy ſervant; but for my ſervant David's ſake, I will not do it in thy days, but in thy ſon's days I will do it, but will give him one tribe for my ſervant David's ſake.

Then the LORD ſent a prophet to Jeroboam, the ſon of Nebat, ſaying unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give thee ten tribes, and if thou wilt walk in the ways of David

my ſervant, I will be with thee. Then Solomon ſought to kill Jeroboam; but he fled into Egypt, and was there till the death of Solomon.

And Solomon died, and was buried in the city of David, and Rehoboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

LESSON LXXXVI.

Number LVII.

REHOBOAM threatning the People of ISRAEL.

READ here Kings, Book I. Chap. 12, to verſe 25.

Kings of Judah.

1. Rehoboam.
2. Abijah.
3. Asa.
4. Jehoshaphat.
5. Joram.
6. Ahaziah.
7. Athaliah.
8. Joash.
9. Amaziah.
10. Uzziah.
11. Jotham.
12. Ahaz.
13. Hezekiah.
14. Manasseh.
15. Amon.
16. Josiah.
17. Jehoahaz.
18. Jehoiakim.
19. Jehoiachin.
20. Zedekiah.

Kings of Iſrael.

1. Jeroboam.
2. Nadab.
3. Baaſha.
4. Elah
5. Zimri.
6. Omri.
7. Ahab,
8. Ahaziah.
9. Joram.
10. Jehu.
11. Jehoahaz.
12. Joaſh.
13. Jeroboam II.
14. Zechariah.
15. Shallum.
16. Manahem.
17. Pekaiah.
18. Pekah.
19. Hoſhea.

LESSON LXXXVII.

JEROBOAM ſacrificing to the GOLDEN CALF.*

READ here Kings, Book I. Chap. 12, verſe 25 to the end, and Chap. 13, to verſe 11.

* Number XIII. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON LXXXVIII.

Number LVIII.

ELIJAH declaring the Word of the LORD to AHAB.

READ here Kings, Book I. Chap. 16, verſe 29, to the end. Chap. 17, verſe 1, to the end.

* Number XXIV. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory, and Number IX. of Ancient Hiſtory, Part II. agree with this Leſſon.

LESSON LXXXIX.

Number LIX.

ELIJAH and the Prophets of BAAL.

READ here Kings, Book I. Chap. 18.

LESSON XC.

ELIJAH taken up into HEAVEN.*

AND when Jehu was made king, he by the command of the LORD, ſlew all the worſhippers of Baal, and all that remained of the family of Ahab; and Jezebel was thrown out of a window into

* Number XXV, XXVI, and XXVII, of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agree with this Leſſon.

the ſtreet, where the dogs licked up her blood.

And the LORD wrought many miracles by the hand of Elijah, and at length he took him up to heaven by a whirlwind, and Eliſha, his ſervant, caught his mantle that fell from him, and put it upon himſelf.

After Elijah was gone up into Heaven, Eliſha, his ſervant, was the prophet of the LORD. And as he was going to Bethel, there came forth young people out of the city, and mocked him, ſaying, Go up thou bald head, go up thou bald head. And the LORD ſent

two bears out of the wood, and tore to pieces forty and two of them, becauſe they mocked at the prophet of the LORD. And many miracles were wrought by the hand of Elijah. He multiplied the widow's oil, raiſed her ſon to life, cured Naaman, the Syrian, of a Leproſy, made iron to ſwim, and propheſied great plenty to Iſrael, which came to paſs.

LESSON XCI.

Number LX.

JOASH proclaimed KING.

READ here Kings, Book II. Chap. II.

LESSON XCII.

Hoshea's wicked Reign.

READ here Kings, Book II. Chap. 17.*

* Number V. of Aſſyrian Hiſtory, agrees with this Chapter.

LESSON XCIII.

Number LXI.

HEZEKIAH praying in the TEMPLE of the LORD.

HEZEKIAH, king of Judah, did that which was right in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that David did, and he deſtroyed the images that were in Judah, and he truſted in the LORD GOD of Iſrael more than all the

kings of Judah, and the LORD was with him, and he proſpered whitherſoever he went.

And Sennacherib, king of Aſſyria, ſent a great hoſt againſt Jeruſalem. And it came to paſs, that when king Hezekiah heard the words of Rab-ſhakeh, who came to defy him, and reproach the living GOD, he rent his clothes, and covered himſelf with ſackcloth, and went unto the houſe of the LORD, and he ſent for Iſaiah, the prophet. And Iſaiah ſaid unto thoſe that were ſent to him, Thus ſhall ye ſay to your maſter: Thus

ſaith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou haſt heard, with which the ſervants of the king of Aſſyria hath blaſphemed me. Behold, I will ſend a blaſt upon him, and he ſhall hear a rumour, and ſhall return into his own land; and I will cauſe him to fall by the ſword in his own land.

And Rab-ſhakeh ſent a letter to Hezekiah, and it was full of blaſphemy againſt the living GOD. And Hezekiah went into the temple of the LORD, and ſpread the letter before the LORD, and prayed that the LORD would deliver him and his people out of the hands of the

king of Aſſyria, that all the kingdoms of the earth might know that the LORD alone is GOD.

Then Iſaiah the prophet ſent again to Hezekiah a meſſage, That the king of Aſſyria ſhould not come into the city, nor ſhoot an arrow there; but that the LORD would defend the city for his ſervant David's ſake. And it came to paſs that ſame night, that the Angel of the LORD ſmote in the camp of the Aſſyrians, an hundred, fourſcore, and four thouſand men. And when the people of Iſrael aroſe in the morning,

behold their enemies were all dead corpſes.

So Sennacherib, king of Aſſyria, departed, and returned and dwelt at Niniveh. And it came to paſs, that as he was worſhipping in the houſe of Niſroch, his idol, that Adrammelech, and Sharezer, his ſons, ſmote him with the ſword, and he died.*

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* Number VI. of Antient Hiſtory, Part I. agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON XCIV.

Number LXII.

MANASSEH bowing to an Idol in the Houſe of the LORD.

READ here Kings, Book II. Chap. 20, verſe 21. Chap. 21, to verſe 17.

LESSON XCV.

JERUSALEM deſtroyed by NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

READ here Kings, Book II. Chap. 24, verſe 18 to the end. Chap. 25, to verſe 13.

* Number VII. of Antient Hiſtory, Part I. agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON XCVI.

SHADRACH, MESHACH, and ABED-NEGO coming out of the FIERY FURNACE.

READ here Daniel, Chap. 3.

* Number XXX. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON XCVII.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR eating Graſs like Oxen.

READ here Daniel, Chap. 4.

* Number XXIX. of the former ſet of Scripture Hiſtory, agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON XCVIII.

Belshazzar's Impiety.

READ here Daniel, Chap. 5.

* Number VIII. of Antient Hiſtory, Part I. agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON XCIX.

DANIEL in the LION'S DEN.

READ here Daniel, Chap. 6.

* Number XXXI. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory, agrees with this Leſſon.

LESSON C.

CYRUS delivering to the JEWS the Veſſels which had been taken out of SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.*

IT was foretold by Jeremiah, the prophet, that the people of the LORD, who were carried away captive into Babylon, ſhould return to their own land

* Number I. of Perſian Hiſtory, in Antient Hiſtory, Part I. agrees with this Leſſon.

again, and build the temple of the LORD.

And it came to pass, after the death of Darius, when Cyrus had the kingdom to himself, that he gave leave to the people to go up to Jerusalem, and build the house of the LORD, and he returned to them the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth from Jerusalem. So the people went forth from Babylon, a very great multitude, and the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid; but they were hindered in their work by the Samaritans, and it was not finished for twenty years;

but in the reign of Darius Hyſtaſpes it was dedicated with great rejoicings, and the LORD returned to his people.

LESSON CI.

Number LXIII.

EZRA the Scribe reading the Law to the People.*

IN the reign of Artaxerxes Longimanus, Ezar, the Scribe, who was of the family of Aaron, the firſt high prieſt of the Iſraelites, obtained leave from the

* Number VII. of Perſian Hiſtory agrees with this Leſſon.

king, for all the Jews, that is, thoſe who were carried captive from Judea, who ſtill remained in Babylon, to return to their own land.

And Ezra had prepared his heart to ſeek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach Iſrael ſtatutes and Judgments. And he carried with him gold and ſilver, which the king and people of Babylon had willingly offered to beautify the houſe of the LORD at Jeruſalem, and alſo a letter from king Artaxerxes. And Ezra gathered the people together, and they went to Jeruſalem. And when they were eſtabliſhed

in their own land, Ezra, the ſcribe, aſſembled the whole congregation, both of men and women, and all who could hear with underſtanding, and he ſtood up upon a pulpit of wood, high above all the people, and opened the book of the law of Moſes, and when he opened the book the people ſtood up. And Ezra bleſſed the LORD, the great GOD. And all the people anſwered Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands, and they bowed their heads, and worſhipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. And Nehemiah and Ezra, and the Levites who taught the people ſaid unto

them, Mourn not, nor weep, for they wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he ſaid, Go your way, and keep a feaſt, for this day is holy unto the LORD. And all the people went their way to eat and drink, and to ſend portions, and to make great mirth, becauſe they underſtood the words that were declared unto them.

After this the nobles and people entered into a covenant to walk in GOD's laws, which was given by Moſes the ſervant of GOD, and to obſerve and do all the commandments of the LORD their GOD.

LESSON CII.

Number LXIV.

JOB and his FRIENDS.

JOB was an excellent good man, who is ſuppoſed to have lived before the days of Moſes. He was very rich, and had a numerous family; but it pleaſed GOD to try him with many

afflictions, that he might ſet an example of patience to the world.

In the midſt of his proſperity, a meſſenger arrived to tell Job, that an enemy had deſtroyed his cattle, and before he had done ſpeaking, another came to inform him, that a tempeſt had deſtroyed his ſheep, and the ſervants who kept them: immediately after came another meſſenger, with tidings that a ſtrong wind had blown down the houſe in which Job's ſons and daughters were feaſting, and killed them every one.

After this Job was grievouſly tormented with ſickneſs, and was covered

with ſores from head to foot. His three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, hearing of theſe calamities, went to ſee him; but inſtead of comforting, they loaded him with bitter reproaches, and Elihu, who came afterwards, did the ſame. But Job ſaid, The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away, bleſſed be the name of the LORD.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he ſhall ſtand at the latter day upon the earth. And that though after my ſkin, worms deſtroy this body, yet in my fleſh ſhall I ſee GOD.

As the LORD liveth, who hath taken

away my judgment, and the Almighty, who hath vexed my ſoul: all the while my breath is in me, and the ſpirit of GOD is in my noſtrils, my tongue ſhall not ſpeak wickedneſs; nor my tongue utter deceit, till I die, I will not remove my integrity from me. My righteouſneſs I hold faſt, and will not let it go: my heart ſhall not reproach me as long as I live.

So Job kept his integrity and his patience, and the LORD removed his afflictions, and bleſſed him, ſo that his latter end was more proſperous than his beginning, for he had fourteen thouſand

ſheep, and ſix thouſand camels, and a thouſand yoke of oxen, and a thouſand ſhe aſſes. He had alſo ſeven ſons and three daughters, and he lived to a good old age.

LESSON CIII.

The Prophet JONAH.

READ his Hiſtory in the prophetic writings.

* For Prints relating to it ſee Aſſyrian Hiſtory, Number IV. and Number XXVIII. of the former Set of Scripture Hiſtory.

THE END.